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Classified By: Political Section Deputy Carol T. Reynolds for reasons 1 .4 (b) and (d).

(C) Embassy Political Officer delivered reftel demarche, tailored for Kiribati, October 20 to MOFA United Nations Policy Division Principal Deputy Director Toshihiro Kitamura. Kitamura said that MOFA shared the United States' concern about Venezuela's bid for a Security Council seat, and would carefully consider our request that Japan demarche Kiribati. Noting that the next vote would be on October 25, he said MOFA would make a decision early the week of October 22. SCHIEFFER